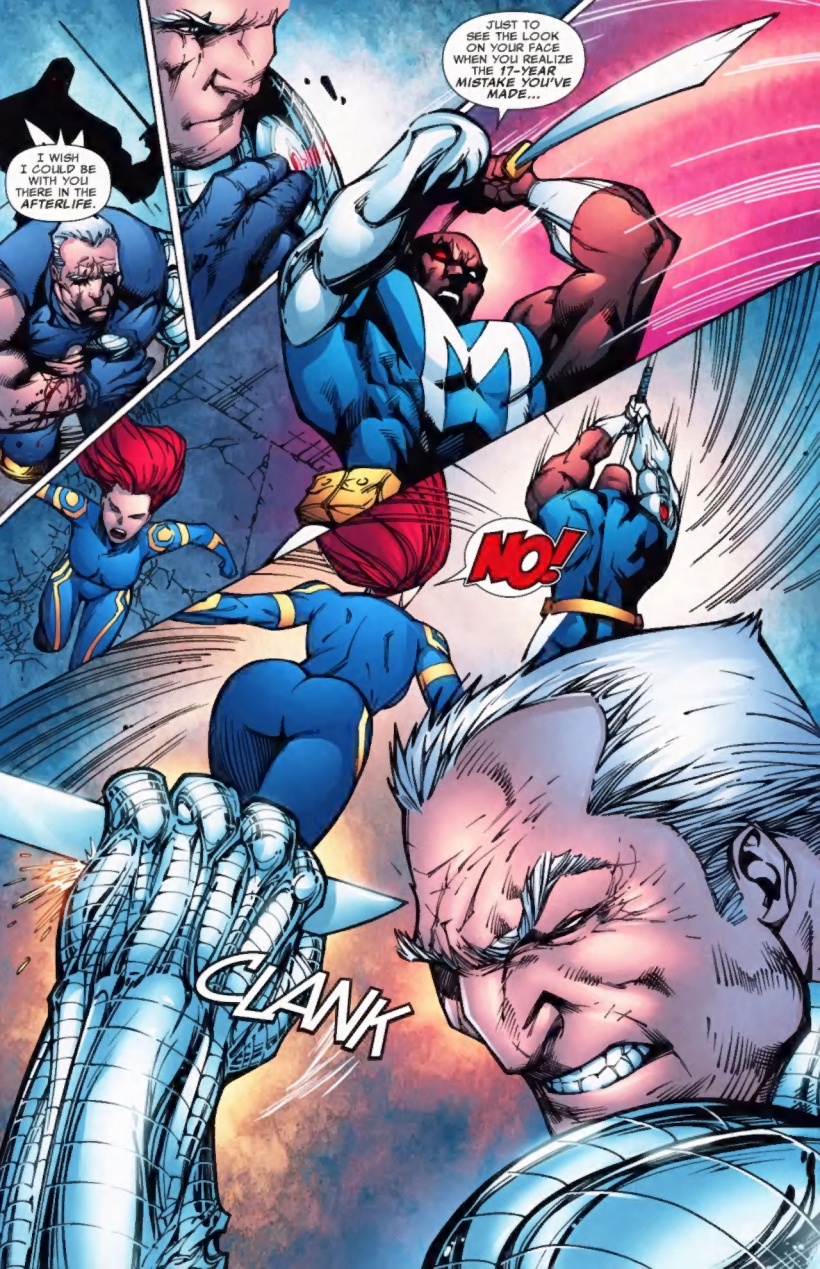
HOPE--GET BEHIND THE WHEEL.
ON IT.
WAIT, YOU'RE LEAVING US HERE TO DIE?
PUT IT IN REVERSE--
JESUS, DON'T LEAVE US!
--NOW HIT IT!
SORRY BOYS. YOU ALL FIGHT NICE NOW.
SCREEEECH
UH, NATHAN--IS IT A BAD THING THAT THE ENGINE IS ON FIRE?
WE WON'T BE IN IT LONG ENOUGH TO MATTER.
AHEEEEE!
THEY WENT THAT WAY, OFFICER.
YOU THINK HE DON'T KNOW THAT?

MANHATTAN, 2037.
MoMA
FHGLUG.
DAMNED... FUTURE... AGAIN.
WEAPON'S USELESS. NEED SOMETHING ELSE.
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA

CRASH
WHERE DO WE GO NOW?
THERE. ACROSS THE PARK.
WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THE SUBWAY HOME.

ACTUALLY, I WISH WE COULD STOP AND STAY A WHILE. IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER, WE'LL COME BACK. PROMISE.
SO THIS IS THE REAL NEW YORK.
YOU SHOULD SEE THE CITY IN THE LATE 1990S. THAT WAS THE TIME TO BE HERE.
IS THIS THE... "SUBWAY?!"
YES. WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW THE TUNNEL ALL THE WAY TO WESTCHESTER, TIMESLIDING UNTIL WE REACH THE PRESENT.
DIG YER OUTFIT, BABY!
UH... THANKS.
KEEP MOVING.


I WISH I COULD BE WITH YOU THERE IN THE AFTERLIFE.
JUST TO SEE THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE WHEN YOU REALIZE THE 17-YEAR MISTAKE YOU'VE MADE...
NO!
CLANK

WHAT DID YOU DO?
THIS WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING!
:KOFF KOFF KOFF:
YOU CAN'T RUN FOREVER!
I KNOW. THAT'S WHY I GAVE YOU A LITTLE GOING-AWAY PRESENT.
SAY HELLO TO THE FUTURE FOR US.

WAIT-- SO THIS ISN'T THE PRESENT?
AND YOU GAVE OUR ONLY FUNCTIONING TIME MACHINE TO BALDY?
NO. MY MACHINE STILL WORKS. IT CAN STILL TAKE US FORWARD, JUST LIKE BEFORE.
AND THAT'S ALL WE NEED. ONE MORE TIMESLIDE AND IT'S OVER.
APOLLO
THINK YOU'RE UP FOR DRIVING?
CAN'T BE TOO DIFFERENT FROM THE LAST TWO CARS I DROVE. AND REMEMBER HOW WELL THAT ENDED?
KRESHHHH
YOU CRASHED THE FIRST CAR. THE SECOND CAUGHT ON FIRE.
THAT WAS SARCASM.

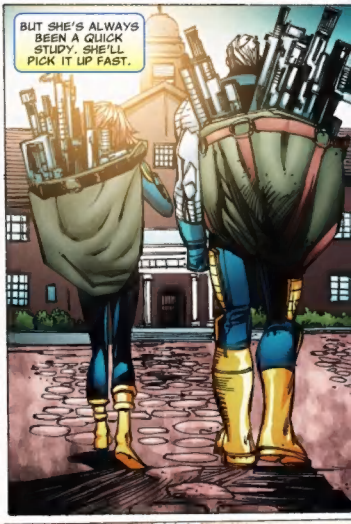
PULL OVER THERE.
THAT CAN'T BE IT.
ROB'S STORE IT ALL
THIS IS THE X-MANSION?
I BOUGHT A LOCKER HERE WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED FROM THE FUTURE... WHICH IN THIS TIME, WAS JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO. I NEEDED A PLACE TO KEEP A FEW THINGS.
HERE, LET ME HELP YOU.
OH. MY. GOD.

AMMO
KINDA WISH WE HAD THIS STUFF A COUPLE THOUSAND YEARS FROM NOW.
OH, BELIEVE ME--I'VE DREAMED ABOUT THIS LOCKER FOR ABOUT 17 YEARS.
OUCH!
MAYBE IF YOU DIDN'T KEEP GETTING SHOT AND STABBED...?
NOW WE'RE READY TO GO HOME.
ROBS
STOP ALL

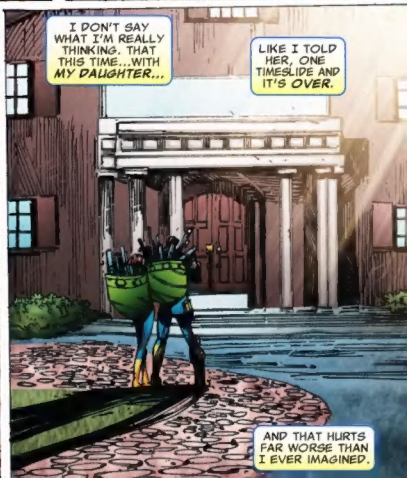
WOW, THESE ROADS ARE SO MUCH BETTER. I FEEL LIKE I CAN REALLY PUNCH THE SNOTS OUT OF THIS THING...
EASY. I DON'T WANT TO ARRIVE IN THE PRESENT DEAD.
NATHAN TELLS ME WHERE TO DRIVE, BUT IT'S REALLY HARD TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT HE'S SAYING. THERE'S JUST SO MUCH TO SEE.
SO MUCH GREEN. THE LIVING QUARTERS-- SO HUGE. YOU COULD FIT A WHOLE BATTALION OF SOLDIERS IN A SINGLE ONE OF THESE DWELLINGS--
HOPE... HOPE!
OH NO!
SCREEEEEEEEEEEEEEEECH
IT'S OKAY.
EVERYTHING'S OKAY.
WHEN YOU'RE READY, IT'S THE NEXT LEFT.

SHE'S STILL SHAKING.
I REALIZE THAT I'VE SPENT YEARS PREPARING HOPE FOR THE WORST--BUT NOT THE PRESENT.

SHE'S HAD NO TIME WITH KIDS HER OWN AGE. NO TIME TO UNDERSTAND A WORLD THAT HASN'T FALLEN APART YET.


BUT SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN A QUICK STUDY. SHE'LL PICK IT UP FAST.

WHAT'S STRANGE IS, THE LAST TIME I SAW THE X-MEN I WAS HOLDING YOU IN MY ARMS.
I'M A LITTLE HEAVIER NOW.


I DON'T SAY WHAT I'M REALLY THINKING. THAT THIS TIME...WITH MY DAUGHTER...
LIKE I TOLD HER, ONE TIMESLIDE AND IT'S OVER.
AND THAT HURTS FAR WORSE THAN I EVER IMAGINED.

IT'S HERE.
THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT.
NO MORE HIDING OUT. NO MORE FRIED RAT. NO MORE CRAZY BALD GUY TRYING TO KILL ME.
FINALLY--A CHANCE AT A NORMAL LIFE.
HOPE? ARE YOU READY?

DUH! I'VE ONLY BEEN READY SINCE FOREVER.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'LL ALWAYS BE...
I KNOW...
DAD.
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